

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 09/918,312	Applicant(s) STERN ET AL.	
	Examiner Jeffrey R. Swearingen	Art Unit 2145	

All Participants:

(1) Jeffrey R. Swearingen.

(2) Joon Chung.

Status of Application: RCE

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Date of Interview: 17 July 2007

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

all

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


JASON CARDONE
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant was asked what a manner omitting randomness was, and where support was located. Applicant stated they do not randomly create or use the information randomly. It is a negative limitation, supported by the MPEP and not the specification.

Applicant was asked how the invention "obtains a working email address to the respective organization, the working email address not being the email of a subject person". Applicant said the crawler goes out to websites and looks at website and sees email address in website (ex. John.Smith@uspto.gov) and subsequently detects the format. For example, a crawler would see a press release and mentions names of people related to the organization. It detects the email for the website based on the "specific instructions" to perform a particular task. This information is "known in the industry" by saying "crawler".

Applicant was asked how the database has publicly available information and where it was supported. Applicant stated "the internet."

Applicant was asked how the information was harvested. The crawler "is programmed to look for these names."

Applicant was asked how the email addresses are constructed. The invention "looks at the format and constructs based upon that format."

Applicant was asked how the system detects that an email address is related to the respective organization. Applicant was unable to answer.

Applicant was asked how the email addresses are verified. Applicant stated by "sending out unsolicited email messages." Applicant was asked the responses of the mail server. "If the address is correct, the unsolicited email is sent to the person."

Applicant was asked about the predefined common email address formats, and examples. Applicant stated ".com" and ".gov". Applicant stated no predefined email address format is present in the system before the use of the crawler.

Applicant was asked how the web crawlers detect a person is related to an organization. The invention qualifies the name from the company's web site - "it's what the crawler does."

Applicant was asked how the crawlers were controlled by the distributor. Applicant referred to page 12, line 17 to page 13, line 15. Applicant was unable to explain further this question.

Applicant was asked how the integrator merges two records if the data in the two records was different. Applicant stated the integrator keeps all the information, and does not pick between two records to merge the records.

Applicant was asked about considering statistical rarity of title and person name. Applicant referred to page 24, line 23 - page 25, line 3. "This technology is pretty simple." "The inventor said this was well known."

Applicant was asked how a page determines whether it contains information of interest and whether it uses keywords or identifiers. Applicant stated this is "what the crawler is programmed to do."